

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, of course, Senator Chambers raises a point, and it's a very excellent point. I would suspect, however, that any time budget cutting takes place it will not be much different in the Congress than it is in most legislative bodies, and that is that the weakest will be the ones who suffer first and foremost. Hopefully this body does not go along with that line of thinking in most instances. But I would just like to suggest...I was at a meeting one time where a large group of people were together who were strong advocates of the proposal to reduce the federal deficit by a massive increase in the gasoline tax. And when I opposed it one of the brilliant young aides, I suppose, to a Congressman asked me the question. He said, well first of all if you were a member of Congress what would you do? Well, I said, first of all it's not my fault, I'm not a member of Congress. But, secondly, I want to point out there would be a very easy way to reduce that deficit. First of all, I said, I would by law abolish the federal withholding and require that all taxpayers pay their taxes, their federal taxes on November 1st, preferably on a biennial basis, just prior to the Congressional elections. I think if every one of us had to march in and pay our taxes with a check about a week or two before the federal elections there would be a very massive reduction in the present membership of the Congress, and after that happened two or three times I think the message would get back to the Congress. The proposed federal pay raise is an indication that when the people are fully aroused that the message can get back to the Congress, and the message was communicated and the pay raise was rejected. As long as you have the kind of insulation from reality that we have today it's going to be very, very difficult for the Congress to get that message, if we make that money readily accessible. Mr. President, I will generously give my remaining time to Senator Chambers, and the can then use the rest of his time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, you have about seven minutes altogether.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, before I get right into the resolution I would like to ask "Baron" Hefner a question or two, if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hefner, you are an oil baron, aren't